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**From:** Keli Pirtle - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:05 AM  
**To:** Scott Smullen (Google Docs)  
**Cc:** David Herring - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** Fwd: Statement regarding NOAA Climate.gov

Scott,  
See David's email below. What would you advise?  
Thanks!  
Keli

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**From:** David Herring - NOAA Federal <[david.herring@noaa.gov](mailto:david.herring@noaa.gov)>  
**Date:** Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 9:56 AM  
**Subject:** Statement regarding NOAA Climate.gov  
**To:** Keli Pirtle - NOAA Federal <[keli.pirtle@noaa.gov](mailto:keli.pirtle@noaa.gov)>  
**CC:** Monica Allen - NOAA Federal <[monica.allen@noaa.gov](mailto:monica.allen@noaa.gov)>

Good morning Keli: (cc Monica Allen)

I'm writing to seeking your feedback on a statement regarding NOAA Climate.gov that I would like to post on our Facebook page and in email correspondences with the public. I would be reaching out to Monica but she is out on AL this week, and a timely response is needed. (I have cc'ed her for her awareness when she returns.)

I'm sure you're aware of the recent communication issue regarding Hurricane Dorian. Unfortunately, though it had nothing to do w/ Climate.gov, some of our visitors to our site and social media channels have been emailing us and posting very angry comments lambasting us for being influenced by politics. This is, of course, not accurate. Thus, I feel strongly that we must respond and do so quickly. I have drafted a short response to be posted on our Facebook page and included in email responses, about which I would like your review: (btw, this has been reviewed / approved by my boss, Climate Program Office Director Wayne Higgins)

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

With best regards,  
David

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